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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HYDRAULICS MINISTER FIRES EASTERN EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS

1. CZECH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS CONFIRMED RUMOR THAT
HAD BEEN MAKING ROUNDS THAT NEWLY APPOINTED HYDRAU-
LICS MINISTER BENCHERIF HAS DISPENSED WITH SERVICES
OF SOVIET, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN TECHNICIANS ASSIGNED
TO HIS MINISTRY UNDER COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. ACCOR-
DING TO CZECH, THREE HUNGARIANS DEFINITELY OUT AS
WELL AS SMALL NUNBER OF BULGARIANS. LARGEST
GROUP GIVEN WALKING PAPERS WAS SOVIETS, BUT CZECH
DID NOT HAVE FIGURE. OTHER REPORTS HAD PUT NUMBER
OF SOVIETS AT 30. NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME IF BEN-
CHERIF HAS MADE CLEAN SWEEP OF EASTERN
EUROPEANS FROM HIS MINISTRY OR IF OTHERS REMAIN.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE OF FIRING OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS IN RECENT MEMORY. BEN-
CHERIF KNOWN TO BE LESS THAN INFATUATED WITH
SOCIALIST WAY OF DOING THINGS, AND THIS, COMBINED
WITH POOR PERFORMANCE OF HYDRAULICS MINISTRY,
MAY
HAVE LED TO OUSTER OF TECHNICIANS. MINISTRY, WE
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UNDERSTAND, IN STATE OF FLUX, AND ALGERIANS TOO
ARE NOT IMMUNE TO BENCHERIF'S NEW BROOM.LYNE

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